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### **Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council**

#### **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on May 8, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chambers, 7474 S. Camino de Oeste, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Vice Chair Hector Youtsey, Marilynn Sando, Pete Guerrero, Bill Rosenberg, Juanita Ayala, John Jensen, Francisco Muñoz

#### **Members Absent:**

Amalia Reyes, Shanna Tautolo

#### **Blessing**

Member Rosenberg provided a blessing.

#### **Approval of April 10, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Jensen that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Rosenberg. Motion carried.

#### **Call to the Public**

None at this time.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action: Grant Renewal Recommendation for Community-Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals Contract FTF-MULTI-13-0389-03 for Fiscal Year 2015**

Chair Garcia turned the floor over to Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers, who provided a brief overview of each grant in the grant renewal document.

A motion was made by Member Ayala that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council renews the Community-Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals grant award with the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, First Things First contract # FTF-MULTI-13-0389-03-Y2, for the period of July 1 2014-June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$9,093. The motion was seconded by Member Guerrero and carried by vote.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action: Grant Renewal Recommendation for Home Visitation GRA-RC024-14-0610-01 for Fiscal Year 2015**

Much discussion was had about this renewal, as the regional council members expressed concern that there had not been much improvement from the year before regarding the hiring of the second home visitor. It was ultimately decided that Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers would have a meeting with Mr. Noonan in the following week to make him aware of the regional council's concerns.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Youtsey that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council renews the Home Visitation grant agreement with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, First Things First contract # GRA- RC024-14-0610-01, for the period of July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$105,000. The motion was seconded by Member Sando and carried by vote with 6 in favor, 1 against.

**\*\*12:52 p.m. Member Muñoz joined meeting\*\***

**Discussion and Possible Action: Grant Renewal Recommendation for Parent Education Community Based Training GRA-RC024-14-0611-01 for Fiscal Year 2015**

A motion was made by Member Sando that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council renews the Parent Education Community-Based Training grant agreement with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, First Things First contract # GRA-RC024-14-0611-01, for the period of July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Member Jensen and carried by vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Postponement of the Election of the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Garcia explained to the regional council that although the election for chair and vice chair had been scheduled for May, she was recommending that the council postpone their election until July in order to allow newly appointed regional council members to participate in the selection of officers. She also let the regional council know that any member interested in serving as chair or vice chair should let Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers know of their interest.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Youtsey that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council hold its election for Chair and Vice Chair in July 2014 rather than May 2014 so that newly appointed Regional Council members have an opportunity to participate in the election process. The motion was seconded by Member Ayala and carried by vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action: Regional Needs and Assets 2012-2014**

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers provided the regional council with an update on the Needs and Assets data collection. She explained that there had been a significant amount of progress regarding coordination of services within the tribal government, and that she suggested ending the 2012 additional data collection contract with ALTA consulting. The remaining funds will carryover for next year.

**\*\*1:09 p.m. Member Ayala left the meeting\*\***

A motion was made by Member Jensen that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council cancels the remaining of the additional data collection contract for the 2012 Regional Needs and Assets with ALTA Consulting since there is no need to collect additional data for coordination of services due to significant progress on this area within the tribal government. The motion was seconded by Member Sando and carried by vote.

**Update and Discussion: Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Forum**

Chair Garcia let the regional council know that she, Vice Chair Youtsey, Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers, and Senior Director Erin Lyons had attended the First Things First Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Phoenix. Items discussed included: an overview of Fiscal Policy recommendations from the Finance Committee, SFY 16-18 Strategic Planning and Public Private Partnerships, and an overview of Strategic Planning and Public Private Partnerships framework.

Vice Chair Youtsey mentioned that he would like to find more ways to reach at and raise awareness within the community, and that hopefully regional council members would take opportunities to get involved in outreach events.

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers mentioned that regional council members may want to invite legislators and tribal council members to site visits to see programs that are in place.

#### **Discussion: System Building**

Chair Garcia gave a brief overview of the recent Tribal Children and Families Provider Networking Board meeting that she attended with tribal directors. She then turned the floor over to Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers who asked the regional council for their feedback on what they would like her to do with regards to strategic planning for the next funding cycle.

Chair Garcia suggested that she contact Raquel Aviles, to give her a one-on-one presentation.

Member Guerrero suggested that she come to an education department meeting to sit and talk with the staff.

Member Sando suggested a joint meeting with the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council, to which Ms. Lyons mentioned that the cross-regional group at the First Things First Early Childhood Summit would be a great opportunity for that.

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers thanked the regional council for their feedback.

#### **Regional Director's Report**

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers briefly reviewed the expenditure report that was included in the meeting packet. She announced that Sam Leyvas, C.E.O. of First Things First, would be attending a possible meeting with Tribal Council to discuss the school readiness indicators. She mentioned that there had recently been a two-and-a-half page article in the *Yaqui Times* about the recent site visit to the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Education Center by the First Things First State Board. She also let the council know that she had handed out copies of the Literacy Guides that had been purchased with regional council administration funds, and that she would be sharing copies with the Tribal Library and Home Visitation Program.

#### **General Discussion**

The regional council wished Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers a happy birthday.

#### **Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

Chair Garcia announced that the next regional council meeting would be held on June 12, 2014 at a location to be determined.

#### **Adjourn**

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Submitted By

  
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Approved By

  
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this

12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

